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patentability. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the citation of applicable prior art. If the assertion of the low-pass filter is based on personal knowledge of the Examiner, an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 (d) (2) is respectfully requested. If the Examiner cannot cite prior art taken alone or in proper combination which would have produced the DC-to-DC converter of claims 1 then Applicants respectfully submit that they are entitled to an allowance of their claims as a matter of law. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite prior art disclosing the device including all of the features recited in the claim 1, or else allow Applicants' claims.

Because the references to *Simopolous* and *Duerbaum, et al.* lack the disclosure of at least one of the features of claim 1, these references cannot serve to establish a *prima facie* case of anticipation thereof. Therefore, claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom are patentable over the applied art. Allowance is solicited.

#### Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

1. Claims 2-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Duerbaum, et al.*

Claim 2, 4 and 6 depend ultimately from claim 1, which for at least the reasons set forth above are patentable over the applied art. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 4 and 6 are patentable over the applied art at least because of their dependence on claim 1.

The above notwithstanding, the rejections of claims 2-4 and 6 are improper for at least the following reasons. The Examiner asserts that one of ordinary skill in the art would have utilized the inputs claimed, since "applicant has not disclosed that the AC inputs solve any stated problem or is for any particular purpose.' (Please refer to page 4 of the Office Action.)

First, it is again emphasized that a proper rejection requires the citation of applicable prior art. The Examiner does not provide any citation of such art in the present rejection. If this knowledge of the art is from the Examiner's personal

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knowledge, an affidavit under Rule 104(d) (2) is respectfully requested. If neither the required art nor the affidavit can be produced and properly applied, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-4 and 6 in view of *Duerbaum, et al.* is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully notes that the subject matter of claims 2-4 and 6 and the usefulness thereof is described in the filed application. For example, the benefits of the sinusoidal AC input voltage source and the four-stepped approximation of a sinusoidal AC voltage are described in the filed application at page 6, lines 1-11.

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that for at least the reasons set forth above, the a proper *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established with regard to claims 2-4 and 6. Because a proper *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 2-4 and 6 be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

2. Claims 2-4, 6, 11, 18-27, 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Simopolous*. For at least the reasons that follow, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable over the applied art.

With particular regard to claims 2-4, 6 and 23-25, the Examiner relies on reasoning that is nearly identical to the rejection of claims 2-4 and 6 in view of *Simopolous* discussed above. Applicant respectfully reiterates the impropriety of this rejection for the reasons set forth above and requests a proper citation or an affidavit as discussed previously.

Claims 18 and 22 are independent claims and include features similar to claim 1 noted above. In particular, claim 18 features "...means for low-pass-filtering the switched DC voltage to yield a primary AC voltage..."; and claim 22 features "...low-pass-filtering the switched DC voltage to yield a primary AC voltage..."

As noted previously, the Examiner recognizes that *Simopolous* lacks the

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disclosure of the low-pass filter coupled to the primary windings of the transformer and the filtering of the switch DC voltage to yield a primary AC voltage. For reasons set forth in detail above with regard to the rejection of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 18 and 22 are improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the citation of applicable prior art. If the assertion of the low-pass filter is based on personal knowledge of the Examiner, an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 (d) (2) is respectfully requested. If the Examiner cannot cite prior art taken alone or in proper combination which would have produced the DC-to-DC converter of claims 1 then Applicants respectfully submit that they are entitled to an allowance of their claims as a matter of law. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite prior art disclosing the device including all of the features recited in the various claims 18 and 22, or else allow Applicants' claims.

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of independent claims 18 and 22 is improper and should be withdrawn. Thus, claims 18 and 22 and the claims that depend therefrom are believed to be patentable over the applied art. Allowance is earnestly solicited.

### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections and rejections of record be withdrawn, and all pending claims be allowed. If any remaining issues can be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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